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**REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION DATED JANUARY 22, 2004**

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$440.00 (\$330.00 for the Notice of Appeal and \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063, Order No. AMDP662US.